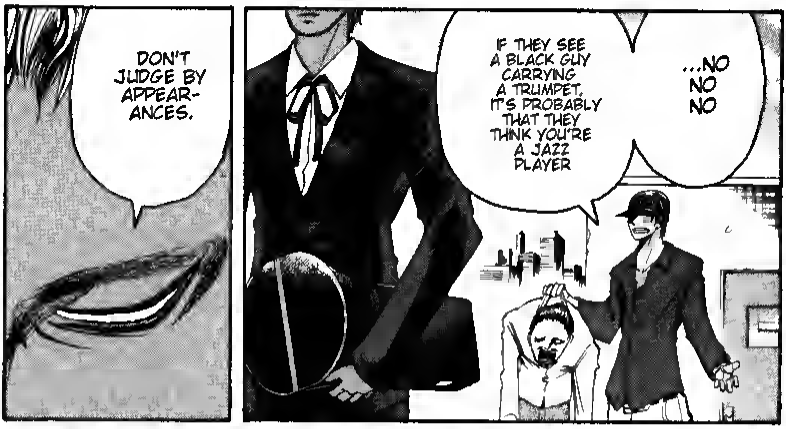
KASAI
I HATE JAZZ MORE THAN ANYTHING.
DESPITE THAT, THESE TICKS
HAVE STRIPPED ME DOWN TO A PERSON WHO LIKES JAZZ FROM JUST MY APPEARANCE

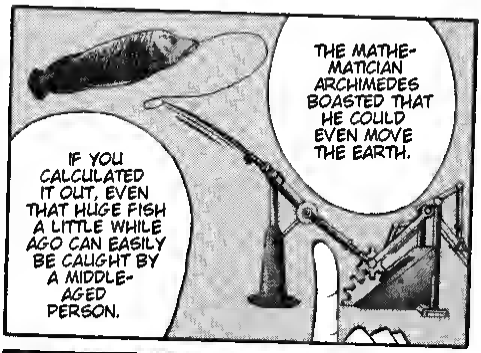

...NO NO NO
IF THEY SEE A BLACK GUY CARRYING A TRUMPET, IT'S PROBABLY THAT THEY THINK YOU'RE A JAZZ PLAYER
DON'T JUDGE BY APPEAR-ANCES.

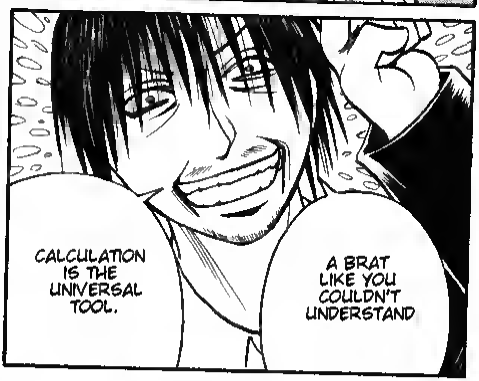
BY APPEARANCES, EVEN THIS CITY CRAWLING WITH TICKS
IS NOT THE TRUE FORM OF THIS CITY.
CHAPTER 134
雨【RAIN】

I...
CAN SEE THE MOST NATURAL FORM OF THE WORLD
I SEE THE TRUTH THAT IS HIDDEN BY APPEARANCES
THAT IS THE ABILITY I WAS ENDOWED WITH AS ONE OF THE "NEW BLOODLINE"
CHAPTER 1 雨【RAIN】

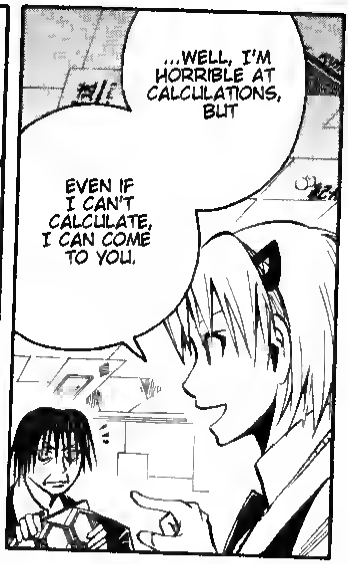
IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE AN ARCHITECT'S QUALIFICATIONS.
IF YOU CAN DO THE CALCULATIONS, EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD CAN BE EXPLAINED LOGICALLY.
THIS HOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED MAKING GOOD USE OF PHYSICS AND MECHANICS.
WITH THAT SUPERIOR MATERIAL AS THE AXIS...
W-WHA-WHAT!?
THE CARDBOARD HOUSE SUDDENLY GOT ADVANCED.
IF YOU WERE TO GIVE A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE, WITH THE HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE MADE UP OF CARDBOARD, AS PER THE MECHANISM TO INHIBIT BRITTLE FRACTURES THROUGH CAUCHY'S STRESS TENSOR DEVIATION THAT, ACCORDING TO THE BASIC POINTS OF INFINITESIMAL DEFORMATION THEORY...
...JUST WHO IS THIS OLD MAN TURNING OUT TO BE?

...BUT, THIS PERSON...
IS SOMEHOW SIMILAR.

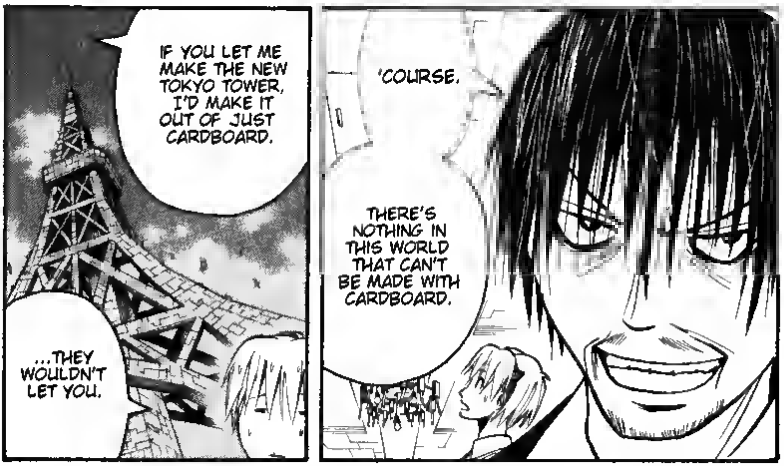

THE MATHEMATICIAN ARCHIMEDES BOASTED THAT HE COULD EVEN MOVE THE EARTH.
IF YOU CALCULATED IT OUT, EVEN THAT HUGE FISH A LITTLE WHILE AGO CAN EASILY BE CAUGHT BY A MIDDLE-AGED PERSON.

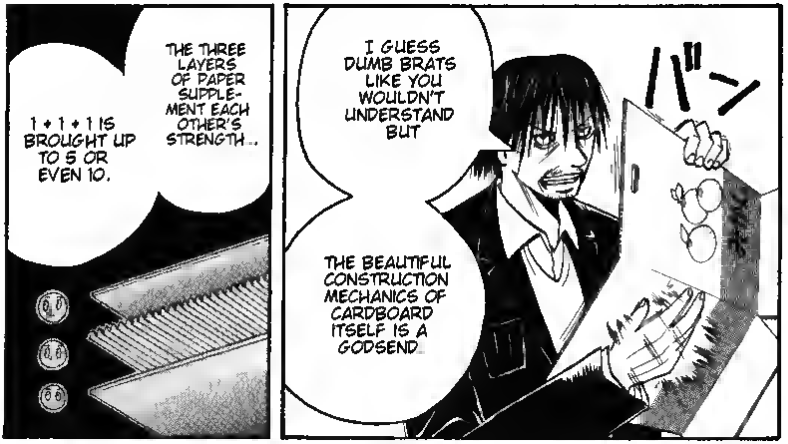

CALCULATION IS THE UNIVERSAL TOOL.
A BRAT LIKE YOU COULDN'T UNDERSTAND

!?
SOMEHOW, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE LIVING UNDER THE BRIDGE...
REALLY, YOU'RE NOT TROUBLED BY MONEY AT ALL, ARE YOU?


...WELL, I'M HORRIBLE AT CALCULATIONS, BUT
EVEN IF I CAN'T CALCULATE, I CAN COME TO YOU.

YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF CARDBOARD?
AGAIN THE INSIDE OF THIS HOUSE IS AMAZING.
BUT..


IF YOU LET ME MAKE THE NEW TOKYO TOWER, I'D MAKE IT OUT OF JUST CARDBOARD.
...THEY WOULDN'T LET YOU.
'COURSE.
THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN'T BE MADE WITH CARDBOARD.


1 + 1 + 1 IS BROUGHT UP TO 5 OR EVEN 10.
THE THREE LAYERS OF PAPER SUPPLE-MENT EACH OTHER'S STRENGTH..
I GUESS DUMB BRATS LIKE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND BUT
THE BEAUTIFUL CONSTRUCTION MECHANICS OF CARDBOARD ITSELF IS A GODSEND.
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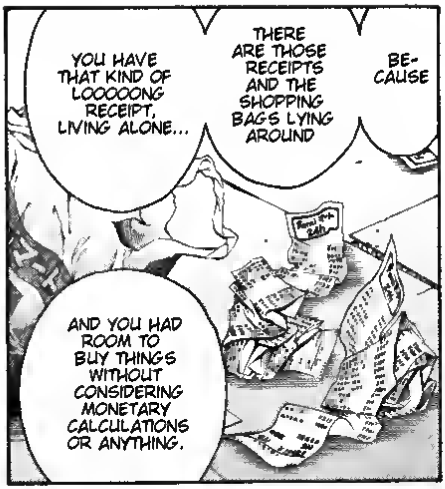

YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF LOOOOONG RECEIPT, LIVING ALONE...
THERE ARE THOSE RECEIPTS AND THE SHOPPING BAGS LYING AROUND
BE-CAUSE
AND YOU HAD ROOM TO BUY THINGS WITHOUT CONSIDERING MONETARY CALCULATIONS OR ANYTHING.

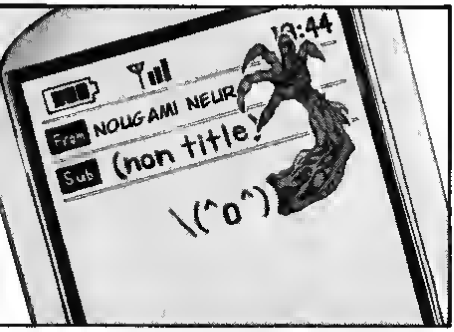
NORMALLY YOU'D ONLY BUY BENTO AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE
SINCE YOU CAN'T EVEN COOK FOR THE MOST PART
HOW
HOW DID YOU UNDER-STAND THAT MUCH!?

AND SINCE MOST KITCHEN FUNCTIONS WEREN'T IN THIS HUGE HOUSE.
UH...
SINCE THE FRYING PAN YOU LENT ME WAS NEW, NOT USED EVEN TEN TIMES...

HAVE AMAZING POWERS OF OBSERVATION.
.. YOU...
IN THIS CASE, EVEN IF YOU WERE A NORMAL PERSON, EVERY-ONE WOULD UNDERSTAND.

THE GARBAGE THAT PILED UP FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE...
IT'S A BIT QUESTION-ABLE
YOU MUST'VE PILED UP A HUGE AMOUNT IN ANOTHER ROOM OR SOMETHING?

AS SMART AS A PERSON IS...
THEY CAN MISS SEEING THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS.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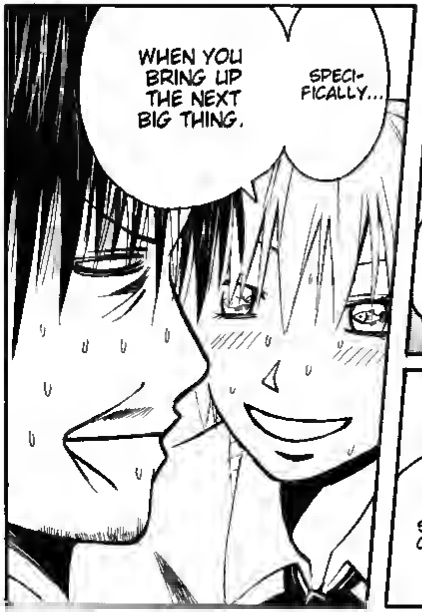
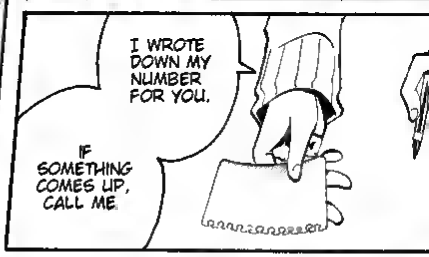
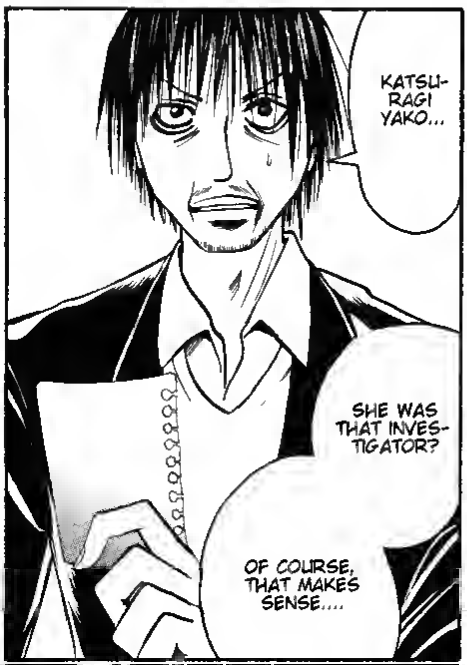
BUT SINCE WHEN DID HE GET THIS KIND OF EMO-TICON?
IT SEEMS TO SAY TO COME BACK TO THE OFFICE.

SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS.
...REALLY
AH
I'VE GOT MAIL.
IT'S FROM NEURO.


WHEN YOU BRING UP THE NEXT BIG THING.
SPECI-FICALLY...

WELL, I'M HEADING HOME, MISTER!
SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN'S ON ITS WAY.
OH
SURE


I WROTE DOWN MY NUMBER FOR YOU.
IF SOMETHING COMES UP, CALL ME


KATSU-RAGI YAKO...
SHE WAS THAT INVES-TIGATOR?
OF COURSE, THAT MAKES SENSE....

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KATSURAGI YAKO
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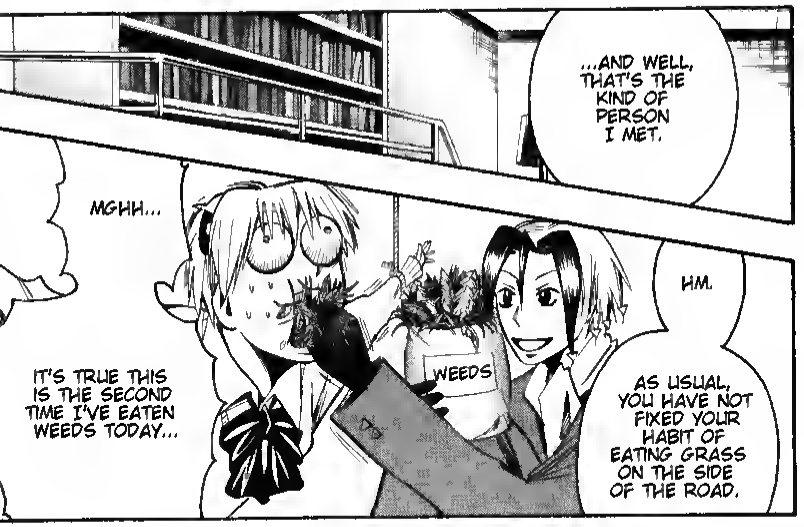
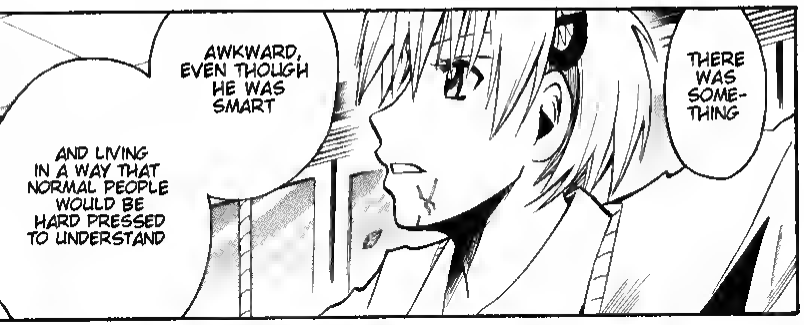
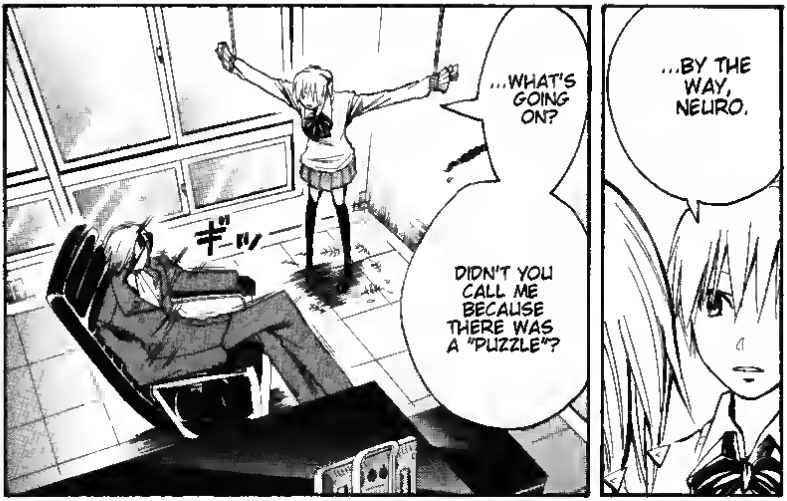

...AND WELL, THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON I MET.
MGHH...
HM.
WEEDS
IT'S TRUE THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE EATEN WEEDS TODAY...
AS USUAL, YOU HAVE NOT FIXED YOUR HABIT OF EATING GRASS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.


AWKWARD, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SMART
THERE WAS SOME-THING
AND LIVING IN A WAY THAT NORMAL PEOPLE WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO UNDERSTAND

HE REMINDED ME OF PROFESSOR HARUKAWA.
THEY WERE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TYPES BUT...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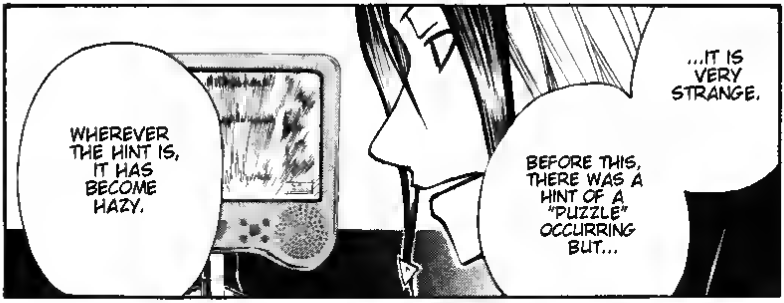
...WHAT'S GOING ON?
DIDN'T YOU CALL ME BECAUSE THERE WAS A "PUZZLE"?
...BY THE WAY, NEURO.


WHEREVER THE HINT IS, IT HAS BECOME HAZY.
BEFORE THIS, THERE WAS A HINT OF A "PUZZLE" OCCURRING BUT...
...IT IS VERY STRANGE.

AS IF IT HAD BEEN DROWNED IN THIS RAIN.
ENTIRELY...
BROADCAST: CELEBRITY HILLS

IT'S A GARDEN OPENING EVENT FOR THE NEWLY OPENED SPECIALTY CELEBRITY SHOPPING MALL INSIDE CELEBRITY HILLS!!
IT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RAIN, BUT PLEASE LOOK AT ALL THESE PEOPLE, PEOPLE, PEOPLE!!
IT'S BUSTLING WITH CELEBRITIES WHO'VE APPEARED TO SPIT ON THE COMMON PEOPLE LOOKING ON IN ENVY!!
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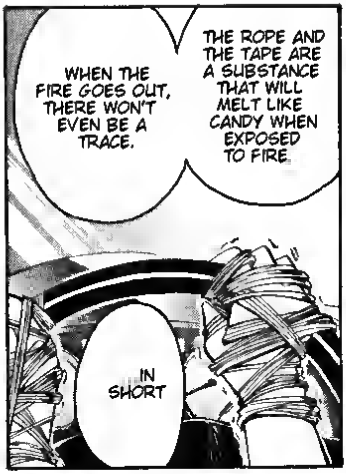
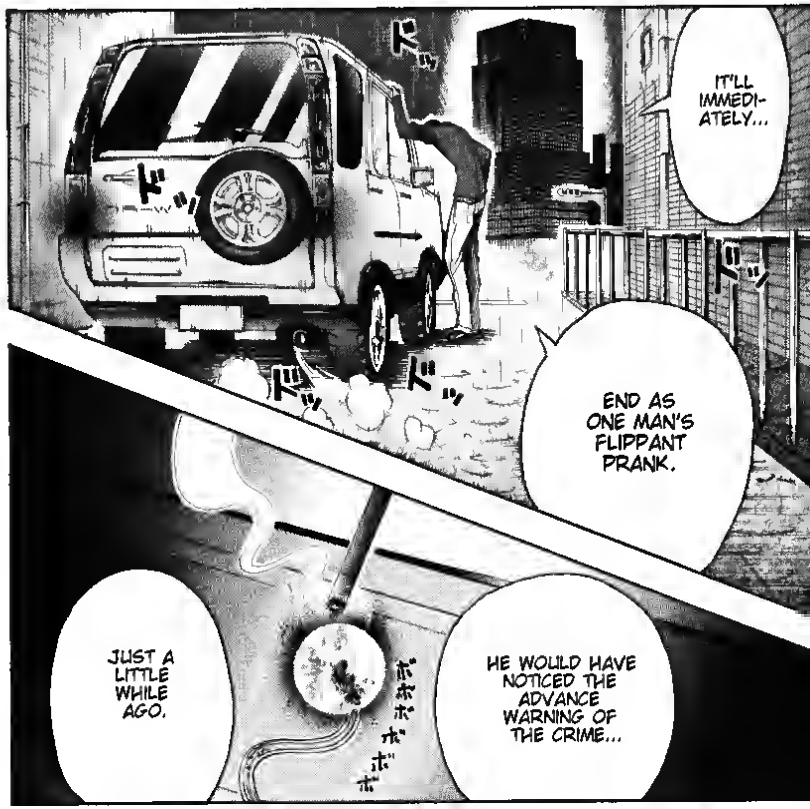
AH!!
AH~~~... AMAZING!!
THE FOREIGN CELEBRITIES HAVE A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL OF SPITTING!!
ON THE SPECIAL STAGE FOR THE HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES WHO'LL BE THE TALK PROGRAM GUESTS!!

HIHIHIHI, IT'LL BE GOOD, HUH
YOU'LL BE THE STAR OF THE RAW BROADCAST IN EVERY LIVING ROOM.
.....
AS PLANNED, YOU'LL BE GOING ON THE TV BROADCAST, TOO.


WHEN THE FIRE GOES OUT, THERE WON'T EVEN BE A TRACE.
THE ROPE AND THE TAPE ARE A SUBSTANCE THAT WILL MELT LIKE CANDY WHEN EXPOSED TO FIRE.
IN SHORT

I'LL BE SAFE BY JUST OPERATING THE REMOTE CONTROL FROM A DISTANCE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
AAH


IT'LL IMMEDI-ATELY...
END AS ONE MAN'S FLIPPANT PRANK.
JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
HE WOULD HAVE NOTICED THE ADVANCE WARNING OF THE CRIME...

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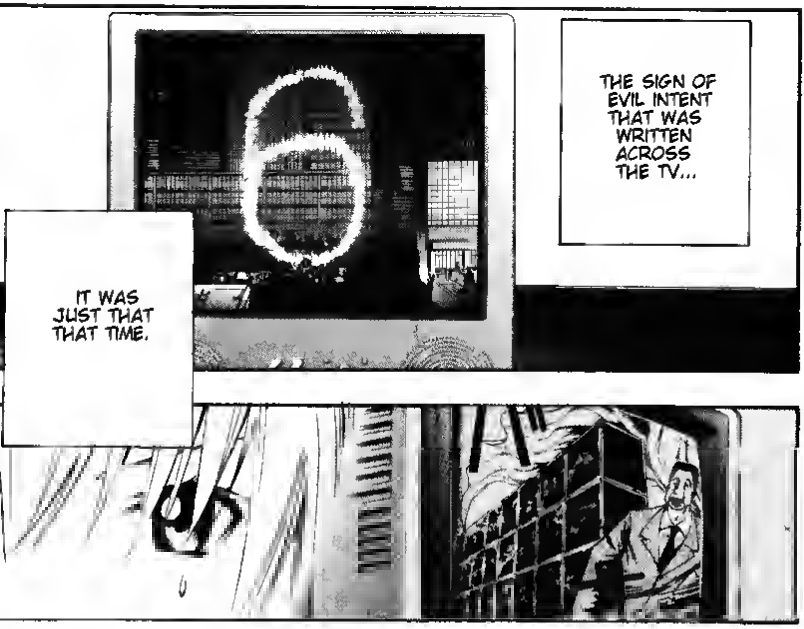
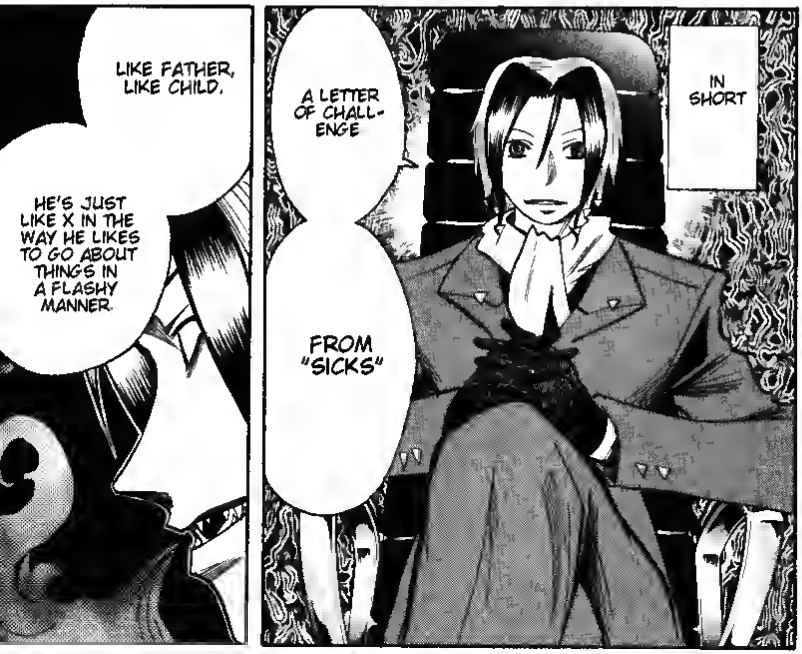
VIVIDLY BURNING IN THE DARKNESS...
IT'LL BE WRITTEN AS ORDERED BY "SICKS"

"CARVE IT INTO THE BRAINS OF THE HUMANS."
"THE FEAR OF SICKNESS THAT EATS AWAY AT THEM "
"BY JUST SEEING MY NAME..."
"MAKE IT SO THAT ALL HUMANS WILL VOMIT"

"CARVE MY NAME..."
"SO THAT EVEN A CHILD WHO CAN ONLY COUNT TO TEN WILL UNDERSTAND."


THE SIGN OF EVIL INTENT THAT WAS WRITTEN ACROSS THE TV...
IT WAS JUST THAT THAT TIME.


LIKE FATHER, LIKE CHILD.
HE'S JUST LIKE X IN THE WAY HE LIKES TO GO ABOUT THINGS IN A FLASHY MANNER.
A LETTER OF CHALL-ENGE
FROM "SICKS"
IN SHORT

PEOPLE WOULD SOON KNOW...
A GROUP NAMED FOR "HUMAN SICKNESS"
THE TERROR OF THE "NEW BLOODLINE."

GOOD WORK, KASAI.
AND NEXT UP IS MY JOB.
I'LL RETURN THIS WORLD TO THE FORM IT SHOULD HAVE.
THE HOLY WAR BEGINS.

NEURO'S
EMOTICONS

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A FEW WEEKS EARLIER
I'VE GOT CIGARETTES, CIGARETTES!!
I'M BEGGING YOU, HAVE A PROBLEM FOR ME!!
WE DON'T SMOKE!!
SHUT UP!!
YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR YOUR STUDENTS!!
I WANT TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS QUICKLY!!
WE DON'T HAVE AS MANY PROBLEMS AS YOU SAY!!
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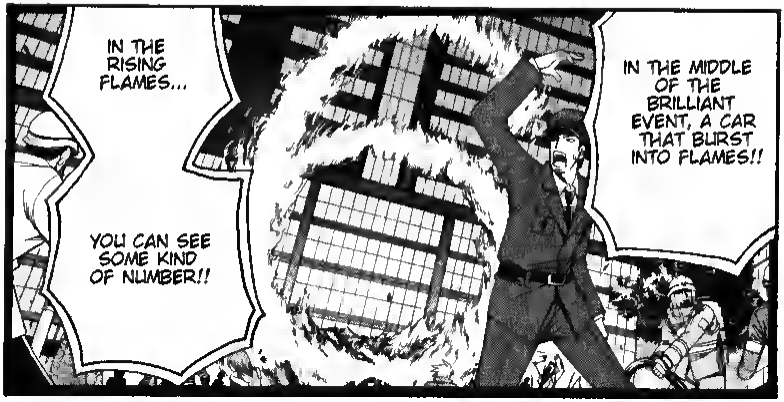
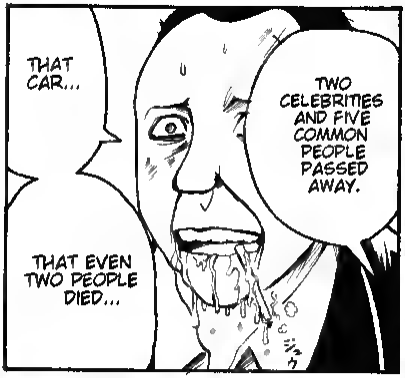

IN THE RISING FLAMES...
YOU CAN SEE SOME KIND OF NUMBER!!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BRILLIANT EVENT, A CAR THAT BURST INTO FLAMES!!


THAT CAR...
THAT EVEN TWO PEOPLE DIED...
TWO CELEBRITIES AND FIVE COMMON PEOPLE PASSED AWAY.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED?
IT WAS A ROUGH ACCIDENT.

SICKS ...!!

DON'T SPARE MORE PEOPLE THAN NECESSARY FOR THIS CASE
...TSUKUSHI.
HAVE THE GREATER PART OF THE STAFF HOLD ON AND STAND BY.
THIS IS...!!
...MR. USUI.
MY HUNCH IS...
HE'S STILL UP TO SOMETHING!!
WITH AS MUCH AS HE CAN DO...
HE WON'T BE SATISFIED WITH THIS LEVEL OF STUNT.

SINCE I HEARD WE'RE ON STANDBY, I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE TO GO.
WELL...
IT'S HORRIBLE WHAT HAPPENED...
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IT CAN'T BE HELPED, SO I'LL COMPLETE MY RAILROAD MODEL DIORAMA OF THE "TOKYO ROUTE MAP."
THERE'S BEEN MORE PEOPLE AT WORK LATELY, SO I ENDED UP MAKING MORE FREE TIME.
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THIS ISN'T FREE TIME!!
PLEASE HELP ME CHECK THIS PAPER-WORK!!
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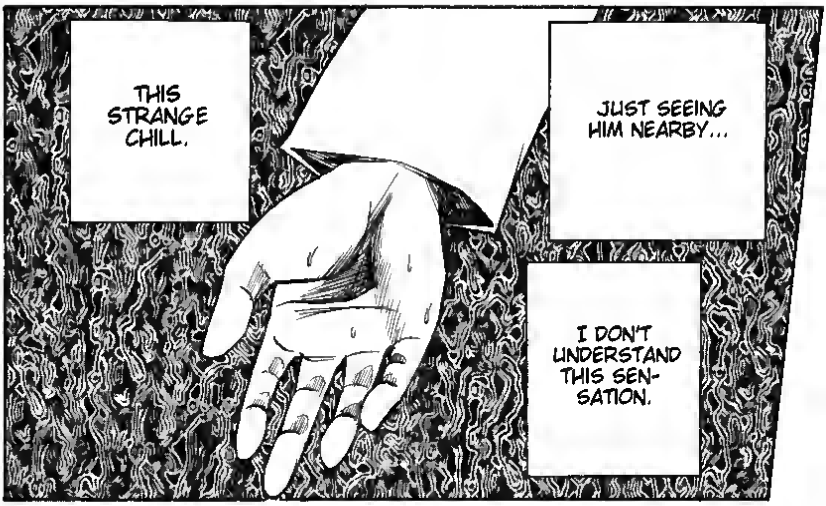
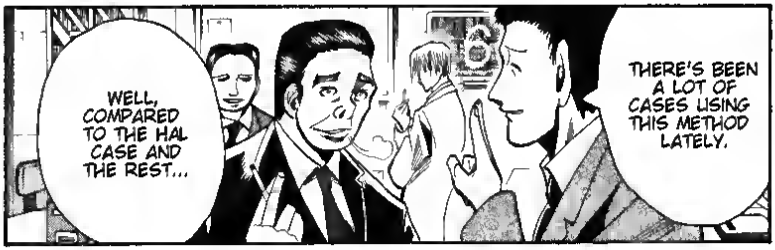
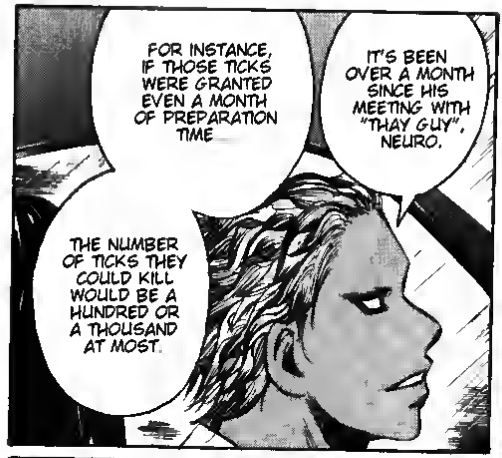

THIS STRANGE CHILL.
JUST SEEING HIM NEARBY...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS SENSATION.


WELL, COMPARED TO THE HAL CASE AND THE REST...
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CASES USING THIS METHOD LATELY.

SEMPAI...
.....
WE'RE STILL GETTING USED TO IT.
I WONDER IF THE POLICE'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES HAVE GONE UP

"SICKS"
HIS GOAL IS TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF HUMANS
IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS OWN SEED FLOURISH.
IF THIS IS A SIGN OF THAT...
WHERE WILL THAT BEGIN!?
USE LOGIC
THOUGH THERE IS NOT A "PUZZLE"
...IF I DO NOT...
I WILL LOSE EVEN MORE OF THE SEEDS OF "PUZZLES."


FOR INSTANCE, IF THOSE TICKS WERE GRANTED EVEN A MONTH OF PREPARATION TIME...
IT'S BEEN OVER A MONTH SINCE HIS MEETING WITH "THAY GUY", NEURO.
THE NUMBER OF TICKS THEY COULD KILL WOULD BE A HUNDRED OR A THOUSAND AT MOST.

KASAI
WHEN I HEARD WHAT "SICKS" WANTED
I VOLUNTEERED FIRST TO BE THE VANGUARD.

.....
I'M DIFFERENT.
DIFFERENT EVEN FROM YOU ALL WHO ARE FROM THE SAME BLOODLINE.

I PROMISED TO "SICKS"...
TO OFFER HIM A HUNDRED THOUSAND LIVES.

A NEW WORLD...
WHERE THE "NEW BLOODLINE" REIGNS INSTEAD OF HUMANITY.
THAT MAN WILL SOON CREATE A NEW ECOSYSTEM.
IN THE NEW ECOSYSTEM, RANKED NEXT TO "SICKS" WILL SURELY BE...
MYSELF.
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YOU SHOULD BE WORSHIPING ME, KASAI
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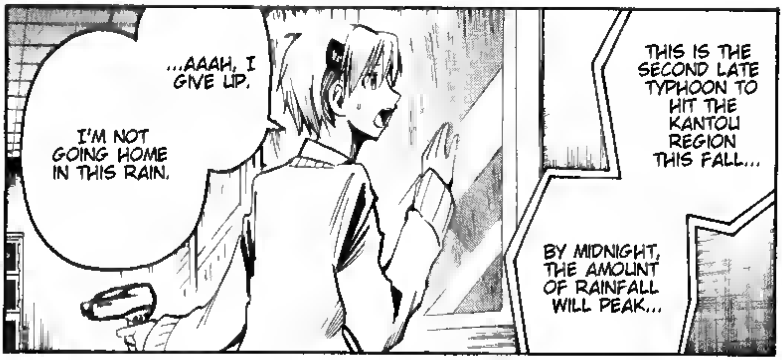
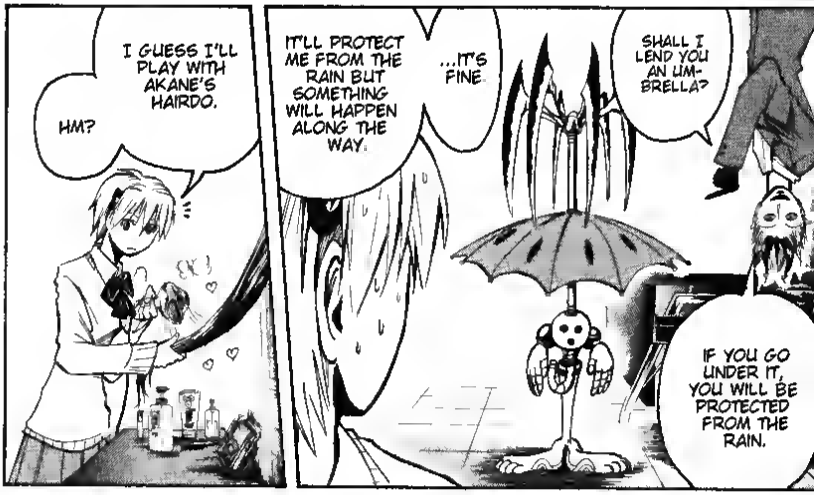

THIS IS THE SECOND LATE TYPHOON TO HIT THE KANTOU REGION THIS FALL...
BY MIDNIGHT, THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL WILL PEAK...
...AAAH, I GIVE UP.
I'M NOT GOING HOME IN THIS RAIN.

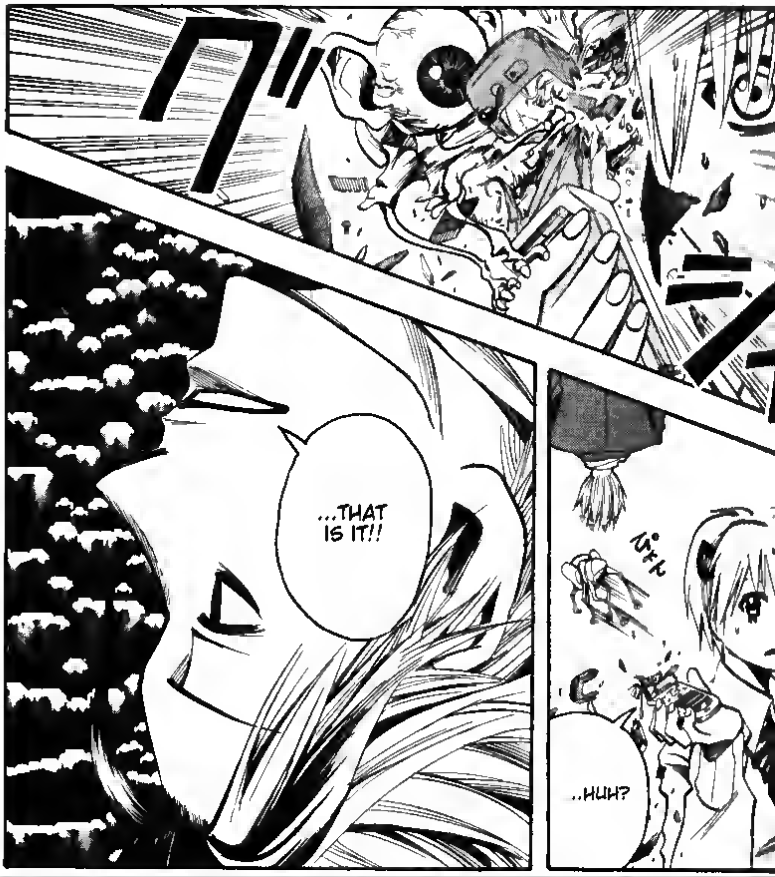

SHALL I LEND YOU AN UM-BRELLA?
...IT'S FINE.
IT'LL PROTECT ME FROM THE RAIN BUT SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN ALONG THE WAY.
IF YOU GO UNDER IT, YOU WILL BE PROTECTED FROM THE RAIN.
I GUESS I'LL PLAY WITH AKANE'S HAIRDO.
HM?

AH.
IT'S A CALL.
...WHOSE NUMBER IS THIS?
HEY!!
ARE YOU THAT BRAT!?

THEY'RE GOING TO DISCHARGE WATER FROM THE WATER LEVEL OF THE UPPER DAM!!
THERE'S PEOPLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES HERE NOW
TRYING TO DRIVE ME OUT OF THE HOUSE I WANT TO PROTECT!!
AH!
THAT VOICE IS THAT REALLY PROFOUND HOMELESS GUY.
CALL ME SOMETHING BETTER-SOUNDING THAN THAT!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!!
THE CARDBOARD HOUSE I WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE TO BUILD IS GOING TO FLOAT AWAY!!
FIRST OF ALL, WHAT CAN I DO!?
AS LONG AS I'M INSIDE, I CALCULATED IT'D BE FINE.
WAIT A...
YOU BUILT THE HOUSE EXPECTING THE WATER WOULD RISE THAT MUCH!!

IT'S HOPE-LESS
GO FIND SHELTER, MISTER

YOU'RE THAT BRAT THAT'S SHOWING HER FACE ALL OVER AS AN IN-VESTIGATOR, RIGHT!!
CAN'T YOU PERSUADE THESE GUYS FROM THE GOVERNMENT SOMEHOW WITH YOUR REPUTATION!?


...THAT IS IT!!
..HUH?

I WILL RETURN, YAKO.
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HUH
UWAAH!
WAIT A..
WHERE ARE YOU GOING SO SUDDENLY!?
Y-
YOU LEFT THE WINDOW OPEN AND THE RAIN'S...
AS IF I'D GO UNDER THAT!!
I'LL CLOSE THE WINDOW NORMALLY!!
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THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF RAIN THIS YEAR.
THERE HAVE BEEN MORE RAINY DAYS THAN IN AN AVERAGE YEAR.
NOT JUST ONCE BUT...
OF COURSE THE UPPER DAM...
AND THE FOREST SPRINGS AND UNDERGROUND AQUIFERS THAT HOLD BACK SOME AMOUNT OF WATER SHOULD BE FULL.
WITH THIS DOWNPOUR THAT HAS COME
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THERE WAS A HINT OF TWO "PUZZLES" THAT APPEARED UP UNTIL YESTERDAY.
SOME-WHERE IN OLD TOKYO..
IN SHORT, THE FLOOD-PLAIN!!
IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO MADE USE OF THE WORST CONDITIONS THERE!!
THAT "PUZZLE" HAS NOW BECOME HAZY AND DIS-APPEARED.
...AND THAT MEANS!!

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THE GOAL IS...
THE RIVER!!

THE PROGRAM IS IN NORMAL OPERATION IN ALL PLACES.
BUT IT'S TOO LATE.
I'M SURPRISED YOU GOT WIND OF IT ALREADY.
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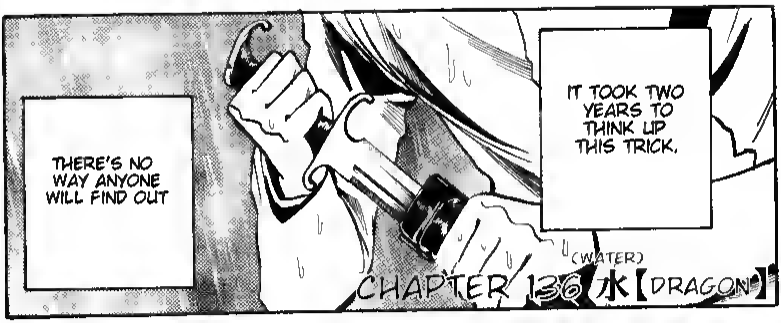
THE WORLD WILL CHANGE.
AND IN A FEW SECONDS
DO YOU...
SEE ME AS A GOOD PERSON?
NOUGAMI NEURO.

I...
CAN SEE THE TRUE SHAPE OF THINGS.
THIS PRIM AND PROPER CITY IS ALL A LIE.

IS...
THE SHAPE THAT TOKYO SHOULD HAVE
A LAKE.

"SHOULDN'T THE ONLY THING
YOU'RE DRENCHED BY BE YOUR TEARS?"



CHAPTER 136 水【DRAGON】(WATER)

I'LL KILL HIM AND LIVE IN FREEDOM FOR THE FIRST TIME!!
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I'LL PLAY A TUNE OF FREEDOM TODAY!!
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FOR EXAMPLE, JUST LIKE A FROG SINGING IN THE RAIN..

(WATER)
CHAPTER 136 水【DRAGON】
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I'M HOOOOME.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE GETTING HOME
YEAH, IT'S REALLY RAINING.
I GUESS THERE WAS A MURDER CASE AT A NEARBY CONVENIENCE STORE
SERI-OUSLY?
YEAH, PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE DESPITE THE RAIN.
MUST BE ROUGH FOR THE PEOPLE INVES-TIGATING
WELCOME HOME, PAPA!!
OH, IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME, TAISHI
PAPA, YOU'RE GOING TO BE HOME TOMORROW, RIGHT?
YEP, TOMORROW'S MY DAY OFF.
OKAY THEN
SHOULD WE STAY UP LATE AND PLAY A FEW GAMES?
YAY!!

THE BANKS DOWNSTREAM HAVE BEEN CUT ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
CAN YOU HEAR THE CHANGE IN THE FLOW, NEURO?
FROM...
BEFORE IT'S DONE, I CAN SEE THE RESULT OF IT ALL.
WAS ENOUGH TO HAVE JUST FLOODED THE CITY....
CUTTING THE INNER SIDE OF THE TWO RIVERS RUNNING IN PARALLEL...
FURTHERMORE, THE WATER FROM THE DAM THAT WAS CUT UPSTREAM IS DESCENDING UPON THEM
THE POWER OF THE "DRAGON" IS...
TO CHANGE THIS CITY INTO A LAKE.

I...
KNEW IT FROM THE NEWSFLASH AN HOUR AGO.
THE TERRIBLE SPEED OF THE MUDDY WATERS...
WITHOUT GIVING PEOPLE TIME TO KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING

LIKE WATER FLOWING THROUGH A SANDBOX
THE GREATEST ACT OF TERRORISM IN HUMAN HISTORY
EASILY SWALLOWED A CITY.

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THE BOMBS SET IN ALL 27 PLACES WILL BE SET OFF.
THE NEXT FOUR MINUTES WON'T BE ENOUGH…
IT INCREASES
ARTIFICIALLY, BY TERROR-ISM…
ABOUT TERRORISM FROM AN EXISTENCE BEYOND HUMANITY
AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE EVEN ONE FRAGMENT OF A THOUGHT…
…ON THE SO-CALLED HAZARD MAP
THE FLOOD DAMAGE PROJECTIONS THAT THIS COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT CALCULATED
THEY FEARED…
…FLOODING OF THIS AREA TO A DEPTH OF 5 METERS.
…BUT THAT WAS A LIGHT PROJECTION ASSUMING A "NATURAL DISASTER."

IS A HISTORY OF THE FIGHT AGAINST WATER.
THE HISTORY OF THE TICKS' CIVILIZATION...
FLOODING OF THEIR MOTHER, THE YELLOW RIVER, OCCURRED FREQUENTLY.
IN ANCIENT CHINA'S YELLOW RIVER CIVILIZATION
THEY TREMBLED IN FEAR OF WHAT WAS CALLED THE "DRAGON."
AND THE CHARISMA TO RULE OVER THE "DRAGON"
ONE MAN WHO HELD GREAT LEADERSHIP AND SKILL...
WAS SAID TO HAVE BEGUN CHINA'S FIRST DYNASTY.
IN OTHER WORDS, ARRANGING A SETUP TO PREVENT FLOODS, WAS THEIR LONG-CHERISHED DESIRE.
TO RULE OVER THE "DRAGON."

BUT ACTUALLY THAT CHARISMATIC MAN...
WAS A PUPPET BEING CONTROLLED BY OUR BLOODLINE.

ONE PARTY OF THE "NEW BLOODLINE"
WAS A GROUP THAT SPECIALIZED IN FLOOD CONTROL.
THROUGH THE INTELLIGENCE AND SKILL THAT WERE INHERITED...
THEY ACCOMPLISHED A NEW LEVEL OF FLOOD CONTROL
AND MADE INTO A KING THE APPROPRIATE TICK FOR THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT.

LIKE SO, FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THIS WAS REPEATED THROUGH MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.
THEY AGAIN WENT TO THE NEXT GREAT RIVER AND DID THE SAME THING
ONCE THEY JUST SQUEEZED AND WRUNG OUT THE WEALTH FROM THAT DYNASTY...
SOON, AMONG OUR TRIBE...
WE GAVE BIRTH TO PEOPLE WHO WERE ABNORMALLY SPECIALIZED TO DEAL WITH WATER.
"ORTHOGENETIC EVOLUTION."
PERHAPS YOU KNOW OF IT.

I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY FLOW OF WATER
AT A GLANCE.
HOW AND IN WHICH DIRECTION THE WATER WILL FLOW
IN WHICH TOPOGRAPHY, WITH WHAT SHAPE IT WILL POOL.
FURTHERMORE, WHICH PART OF THE BANKS TO CUT...
WITH WHAT SPEED AND HOW DES-TRUCTIVELY...
THIS LAND CAN BE SUNK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE WATER.
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TO LIVE...
EVEN THOUGH I MADE THE TRICK SO THAT I COULD LIVE HAPPILY...!!
NO...
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I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
SOME-BODY
HELP ME!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
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THE "PUZZLE"
DIS-APPEARED.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE TICKS?
NOW, NOW
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SOON THE LAST BANK WILL BURST BEFORE YOUR EYES
YOU'LL JOIN THEIR SACRIFICE, TOO.
THE "DRAGON"...
WAS THE STRONGEST, MOST TERRIFYING EXISTENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF ANCIENT TIMES.
THAT'S WHY
THE RAGE OF THE GREAT RIVERS WERE DESCRIBED BY THEIR APPEARANCE AS "DRAGONS"
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YOU WOULDN'T KNOW FROM MY APPEAR-ANCE...
AND WOULDN'T NOTICE THAT A MORE TERRIBLE "DRAGON" WAS RIGHT BESIDE YOU.

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MY NAME IS DR.
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THE NEW BLOODLINE'S "DRAGON OF WATER."
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BIRTHDATE: MARCH 2
AGE: 27
HEIGHT: 187 CM
WEIGHT: 94 KG
THE ONE WHOSE EXISTENCE HE FINDS MOST NOBLE IN THE WORLD:
"SICKS"
THE NEXT EXISTENCE HE FINDS MORE VENERABLE IN THE WORLD:
HIMSELF
FAVORITE MUSIC: GAGAKU

COLLAPSE ONE KILOMETER DOWNSTREAM TOO!!
COLLAPSE CONFIRMED DOWNTOWN!!
IN HOW MANY PLACES DID THE BANKS COLLAPSE!?
FOUR AT PRESENT...
SIX PLACES!! AND IT'S STILL INCREASING!!
NO, FIVE
CHAPTER 137 蜱【TICKS】

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A NEW TPE OF ORGANISM THAT EVOLVED HUMANITY'S "EVIL INTENT."
THE "NEW BLOOD-LINE."
THE MAJOR LEAGUERS OF CRIME.
LIVE
THEY WENT THIS FAR!!

GOING THIS FAR IS SO DIFFERENT.... FROM HUMANITY'S "EVIL INTENT!!"
CHAPTER 137 蜱【TICKS】

USING THIS
WE WILL CREATE THE WORLD THAT "SICKS" DESIRES.
THE ABILITIES AND GIGANTIC EVIL INTENT OF THE "NEW BLOODLINE"...
MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DO AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF DESTRUCTION.

THE RIGHT HAND HAS A FAIR BIT OF STRENGTH, DOESN'T IT?
THEY TRANSPLANTED THE STRENGTHENED CELLS THAT MATURED INSIDE X.
IT'S AT THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE, BUT THEIR POWER IS PRETTY GOOD.
THOUGH EVEN WITHOUT RELYING ON THESE CELLS...
MY POWER IS FAR GREATER THAN THOSE TICKS.

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MY POWER CAN EQUAL EVEN THAT OF A DEMON.
WHEN THAT IS ADDED TO THESE STRENGTHENED CELLS

WHY WAS I...
EVER SINCE I WAS BORN I'D HAD MY DOUBTS
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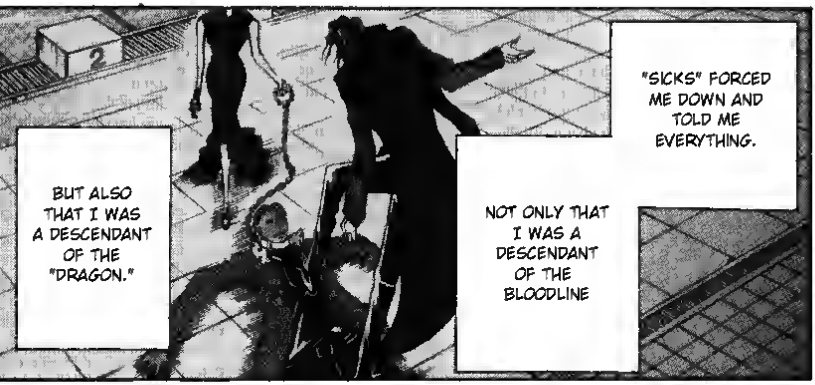
SO SUPERIOR WHEN COMPARED TO THE HUMANS AROUND ME?

EVEN MY PARENTS
LOOKED AT MY ABILITIES AND STRONG EVIL INTENT...
LIKE I WAS A MONSTER OR A GOD.
I WAS OVERWHLEMINGLY SUPERIOR IN EVERY ABILITY.
IN ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, THE ARTS...
THE ABILITY TO CONTROL WATER WAS SOMETHING THAT ONLY I HAD, TOO.
THE HUMANS AROUND ME WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME BY ALL APPEARANCES...
I COULD ONLY SEE...
AS DIFFERENT CREATURES.
ONLY SEE THEM AS TICKS.
WHY DO I...
I DON'T FEEL ANY GUILT, EVEN AFTER KILLING THIS NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU.
THAT IS BECAUSE...
YOU ARE NOT HUMAN.
IN THE DISTANT PAST, THE SEEDS OF EVIL INTENT WERE SCATTERED...
THE SEEDS OF EVOLUTION
SPROUTED WONDERFULLY IN YOUR GENERATION
TO SURPASS HUMANITY.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"SICKS" FORCED ME DOWN AND TOLD ME EVERYTHING.
NOT ONLY THAT I WAS A DESCENDANT OF THE BLOODLINE
BUT ALSO THAT I WAS A DESCENDANT OF THE "DRAGON."

I WAS SATISFIED...
LOGICALLY
A "DRAGON" CAN'T LIVE TOGETHER WITH TICKS.

SO IN ORDER TO GRANT THE DESIRES OF "SICKS"...
IN ORDER TO MAKE AN ECOSYSTEM WITHOUT HUMANS...
I GLADLY DEVOTE MYSELF TO HIM.

IN ORDER TO DO THAT...
I WOULD DARE TO BURDEN MYSELF WITH THE PATHETIC SLUR OF BEING CALLED A TERRORIST.

WITH THIS THE FLOODING WILL REACH ITS MAXIMUM!!
HA HA HA
THE LAST BANK HAS EXPLODED!!
NOBODY CAN STOP IT ANYMORE!!

LOOK, NEURO, HAHAHAHAHA!!
THE TICKS ARE DESPERATE TO GET OUT!!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PLANNING TO GET PAST THE WATER BY GOING TO THE ROOF!!
GOOD IDEA!!
AS LONG AS THE BUILDING IS SAFE, THEY MIGHT BE SAVED!!
...IDIOTS.

CHOOSE TO DIE QUIETLY.
AS IF TICKS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE IF THEY LIVE OR DIE.
TICKS.
TICKS.
HA HA HA HA HA
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"SICKS"...
THIS MAN WASN'T A THREAT TO YOU.
NOW THEN, NEURO. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO DISPOSE OF YOU.
IT WAS ACTUALLY AN EASY JOB.
ONLY NOW WILL MY DUTY BE COMPLETE.
NOW TO TWIST OFF YOUR HEAD...

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777 Tools
of the
Demon
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of the
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Emperor:
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WHAT A WASTE TO DISMANTLE IT INTO ITS COMPONENTS...
THIS TENACIOUS GOLEM WITH THE POWER TO EASILY DESTROY A CITY
WHEN IT FLOWS DOWNSTREAM, A FAIR NUMBER OF THE COLLAPSED PLACES WILL BE SEALED.
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MY ARM...!!
UGUH
OOOOO!!

YOU ARE CHARGED WITH OVER ONE THOUSAND CRIMES.
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I SHALL CARVE IT INTO YOUR BODY FROM HERE ON.
YOU MAY CRY, OR YOU MAY DIE, BUT THE PAIN WILL NOT LEAVE YOU.
YOU HAVE ANGERED ME.
TICK.

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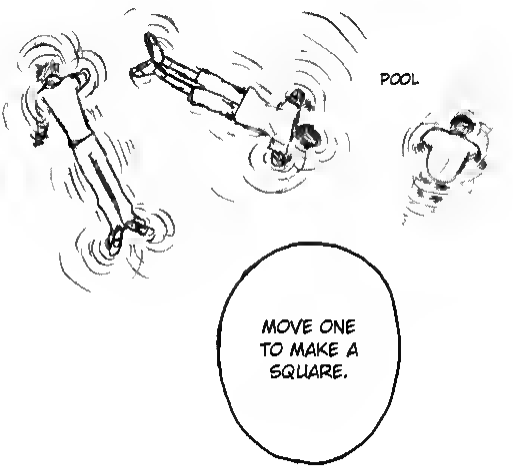

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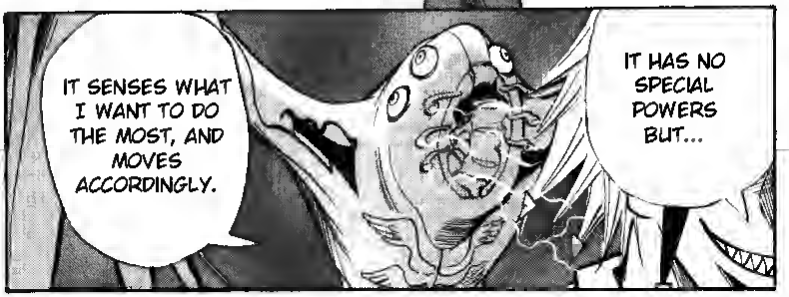
CALM DOWN...!!
I KNEW HE HAD POWERS BEYOND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING.
...BUT EVEN THAT ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN'T ENDURE.
THE REMAINING LEFT HAND IS ENOUGH.
CHAPTER 138
S【SADIST】
THE "DRAGON"...
WILL SOON BARE ITS TRUE FANGS.



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I'LL EXPOSE THAT AS AN EMPTY THREAT!!
IDIOT...
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GATHER THE REMAINING STRENGTHENED CELLS IN MY LEFT HAND!!
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THE FIRST SET OF WINGS MAKE THE ENEMY'S ATTACK POWERLESS.

THE SECOND SET OF WINGS PENETRATE THE ENEMY'S BODY
AND FLUTTER THROUGHOUT THE INSIDE OF THEIR BODY.

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OF COURSE, DO NOT WORRY, FOR THEY WILL NOT STRIKE ANY VITAL ORGANS.
THEY ARE CAREFUL TO ONLY MINCE THE SURROUNDING FLESH.
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GUOOOO...
OH DEAR.
I MAY HAVE ACCIDENTALLY BROKEN HIS RIBS.
I HAD PLANNED TO BREAK THOSE LATER.

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HURTS
IT HURTS TOO MUCH...
OH MY.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE TORTURE HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.
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I'M LURING YOU IN!!
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY!!
B...
BE PROUD OF YOURSELF FOR NOW, MONSTER!!

ABOUT HOW I KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT WATER!!
DID YOU FORGET !!
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NOW, WITH THIS TIMING...
ONLY I KNOW!!
YOU CAN'T CATCH WIND OF IT THROUGH THE ROAR OF THE RAIN AND THE RIVER!!
TAKE THIS, NEURO.
HERE IT COMES!!
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THE ANGER OF THE "DRAGON" !!
THE FLASH FLOOD FROM THE DAM THAT WAS DESTROYED UPSTREAM!!
IT'S THE GIGANTIC DEBRIS BROUGHT ALONG WITH...

I CAN EASILY AVOID INJURY AND SWIM!!
IF I STILL HAVE MY LEFT HAND
AT THAT POINT, I'LL BID YOU FAREWELL!!
EVEN ON THE ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE YOU'RE ALIVE...
…?

...WELL, AT ANY RATE

SHALL WE CONTINUE...
THE TORTURE?
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AH...
THEN, I SHALL LET YOU DRINK YOUR FILL.
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THE THIRD SET OF WINGS WOULD LOVE TO DO THAT.
YOU LOVE WATER, CORRECT?
OH, OF COURSE.
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GLUG GLUG
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NNNNN!!
FU HA HA HA HA HA !!
WHAT A FILTHY TRICK WITH WATER!!
LOOK AT HOW FAR IT FLEW. HAHAHAHAHA HAHAHAHAHA

ABOUT IN THAT RANGE.
THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ME, WITHOUT REGARD FOR MY LIFE IS...
WELL, THIS HAS CHEERED ME UP SOMEWHAT.
...HM
FINALLY, IT'S OVER..
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...THEN, TO CONTINUE
TO PUNISH YOU FOR THE CRIME OF RAVAGING MY FEEDING GROUNDS.
HAVING KILLED OVER TEN THOUSAND HUMANS...
THE TORTURE WILL CONTINUE FURTHER

HELP...
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OOOH~ HURTS, DOES IT?
I USED EXCESSIVE FORCE AND ACCIDENTALLY CUT OFF YOUR REMAINING HAND, TOO.

THIS IS...
A TRUE DEMON...
A DEMON...
AH...
AAH...
I CUT IT OFF AS CLEANLY AS I COULD.
YOU MAY HURRY TO A HOSPITAL AND REATTACH IT.
BUT DO NOT WORRY.
IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO COMPLETELY RESTORE IT.
ALL OF YOU HAVE SUPERIOR TECHNIQUES AND STRENGTHENED CELLS, DO YOU?

OHO.
I DIDN'T NOTICE IT.
THE HANDS OF A TICK ARE TOO SMALL TO STAND OUT.

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FYING...
HE'S...
IF HE'S
ANGERED
A DEMON.
A "DRAGON"
DOESN'T HAVE
A HOPE...
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IF YOU BEG FOR YOUR LIFE, I MAY SPARE YOU.
SAY IT FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART.
"I AM A TICK."
YOU LIKELY CANNOT SWIM WITH THOSE INJURIES.
I...
I AM A TICK...
THE RIVER IS SO NOISY.
I CAN'T HEAR IT.

I WOULD PROBABLY DO THIS TO YOU.
EVEN IF I WAS A HUMAN...
I SHALL VENT THE REST BY TORMENTING YAKO.
I FEEL SEVENTY PERCENT REFRESHED.

I WANTED TO DO IT ALREADY THIS WEEK

BUT I KEPT GETTING PULLED AWAY, SO I HAD TO STOP.